



## BALTIMORE COUNTY 2005 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<b>Farm Numbers <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997 <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2002</b>
Number of Farms	840	889	784
Average Size (acres)	99	89	91
Land in Farms (acres)	83,232	79,479	71,227
<b>Livestock Inventory <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997 <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2002</b>
Cattle	12,401	9,831	8,534
Hogs	4,645	2,477	1,343
Sheep	4,272	3,089	1,977
<b>2002 Value of Sales <sup>1</sup></b>			
All Products (\$1,000)			62,160
Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)			33,371
Horses (\$1,000)			8,219
Vegetables (\$1,000)			6,398
<b>Demographic Data <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997 <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2002</b>
Average Age of Operator	54.9	56.2	58.5
Percent Female Operators	17.9	20.6	26.4
<b>2002 Equine Census</b>			
Number of Equine Places			2,100
Equine Inventory			10,630
Value of Equine Inventory			\$121,800,000

<b>Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 <sup>1</sup></b>			
Corn for Grain	14	Soybeans	17
Barley	14	Vegetables	6
Forage	7	Wheat	18

<b>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 <sup>1</sup></b>			
Beef Cattle	7	Milk Cows	9
Broilers	10	Sheep	4
Hogs	9		

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> Revised.

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<b>Crop</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Acreage Harvested</b>	<b>Yield</b>	<b>Total Production</b>
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2003	20,000	127.4	2,548,000
	2004	21,500	157.9	3,394,100
	2005	18,600	136.2	2,533,800
Corn for Silage (tons)	2003	1,900	14.7	28,000
	2004	2,200	17.5	38,400
	2005	3,300	15.9	52,400
Soybeans (bushels)	2003	10,300	42.4	436,900
	2004	11,700	41.5	485,700
	2005	11,100	33.3	370,000
Wheat (bushels)	2003	2,800	37.5	104,900
	2004	3,300	52.6	173,494
	2005	2,200	59.1	130,100
Hay (tons)	2003	9,000	2.7	24,700
	2004	11,200	2.3	25,200
	2005	9,100	2.5	22,900
Barley (bushels)	2003	800	57.9	46,300
	2004	1,500	77.2	115,800
	2005	1,600	85.6	137,000

\* Acreage too small to publish.

	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$60.28	\$66.96	\$68.08

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